

Congratulations!

As a finalist at the district level, you are now qualified to attend the 2021 National History Day in Iowa Virtual State Contest! After reading through these instructions, please visit iowaculture.gov/nhd for the [Change Request Form](#) and to view contest information.

State Contest Dates

Date	Event
Thursday, April 8 at 11:59 PM	Change Form Deadline
Monday, April 12 at 11:59 PM	Project Submission Deadline
Thursday, April 15 to Wednesday, April 21	Preliminary Round Week
Thursday, April 22 by 5:300 PM	Final Round Announcement
Thursday, April 22 to Wednesday, April 28	Final Round Week
Friday, April 30 at 5PM	Contest Results Posted
Wednesday, May 5 to Friday, May 7	Comment Sheets emailed to Teachers

State Contest Registration

State qualifiers are already registered to compete in the 2021 Virtual State Contest but are welcome to submit changes through the 2021 Virtual State Contest [Change Request Form](#) by Wednesday, April 12 at 11:59 PM.

Students can submit the following changes:

- Update your project information (update title, accessibility requests, etc.)
- Drop out of the state contest (includes group member dropout)
- Nominate your project for special awards (only submit once for a group project)

Contest Fee

There will be no entry fee for the state contest.

Special Awards

Student Awards

You may self-nominate your project for special awards through the [Change Request Form](#). A list of special awards is available on the [National History Day in Iowa State Contest](#) website.

Judging

National History Day judges are historians, educators and others interested in history and education. The National History Day in Iowa team works hard to ensure a quality judging experience. If you have questions or concerns about the judging process during the contest, please contact the National History Day in Iowa State Coordinator, Vania Boland at vania.boland@iowa.gov so we may address your concerns.

Judging Process

Judges will evaluate student projects online and will deliberate with their judge partner via email, Zoom or phone. Each judge team will receive a google folder with student projects and a Google Comment Form. Judges will submit their feedback through the Google Comment Form.

Ranking Process

All rankings are made by a consensus reached by the judge team using the scale:

- **Superior—Excellent—Good—Not Evident**

There is no point system. Rankings may fluctuate from team to team, each judge team establishes their own standards for rankings. Rankings cannot be compared across teams.

Selecting Finalists

After viewing all assigned projects, the judge team will work together to select the top two projects to advance to the final round of judging. During the final round a different judge team will evaluate all semi-finalist projects and select two to qualify for the national contest and one alternate. If one of the two national qualifiers cannot participate at the national contest the alternate will become eligible to compete.

Comment Sheets

All google comment forms from judges will be collected, sorted by teacher/school and emailed to teachers by May 10.

Award Ceremony

Results

The Awards Ceremony will be recorded and posted by 5:00 p.m. on the National History Day in Iowa website, or as soon as results from the final round are completed.

The following awards will be presented at the awards ceremony:

- Special awards
- National History Day Teacher of the Year
- Junior division national qualifiers and alternates
- Senior division national qualifiers and alternates.

Medals

Medals will be mailed directly to teachers the week of May 5.

National Qualifiers

The top two projects in each category will be eligible to advance to the Virtual National Contest, Sunday, June 13 to Saturday, June 19. National qualifiers, teachers and parents must attend or watch an informational zoom meeting hosted by the National History Day in Iowa state coordinator on Monday, May 10th at 5:00 p.m. This meeting will be recorded and participants who are unable to attend can view the recording.

Category Information and Checklists

Exhibits

Students will submit a PDF powerpoint of the exhibit as well as a PDF that combines the process paper and annotated bibliography. Only ONE submission needs to be made for a group project. If the contest is in person, the students will bring the exhibit and the judges will have and be able to view the PowerPoint and paperwork prior to the interview.

The following naming convention must be used with exhibit project submission:

lastname.divison-jr./sr.-category.statecontest

Ex. boland.senior.exhibit.statecontest

Documentaries

Projects MUST BE PUBLISHED as "unlisted" on YouTube and MUST BE SUBMITTED through the registration form. The submission will include the project's YouTube URL, combine the process paper and annotated bibliography into one PDF. Only ONE submission needs to be made for a group project.

The following naming convention must be used with documentary project submission:
lastname.divison-jr./sr.-category.statecontest

Ex. boland.senior.documentary.statecontest

Papers

Projects must be saved as a PDF and MUST BE EMAILED to the district coordinator by the registration deadline. The following naming convention must be used with paper project submission: lastname.divison-jr./sr.-category.statecontest

Ex. boland.senior.paper.statecontest

Performances

Projects MUST BE PUBLISHED as "unlisted" on YouTube and MUST BE SUBMITTED through the registration form. In addition to the video, projects MUST fill out the performance script document created by the national office in 2019. The submission will include the project's performance script, process paper and annotated bibliography. Only ONE submission needs to be made for a group project.

Websites

Students will submit their website URL at the time of registration. No additional materials need to be submitted.